

Accelerated Schools/PLC and the Kansas City  
Regional Professional Development Center present . . .



**3 Big Ideas That Drive a  
Professional Learning Community  
with  
Rick and Rebecca DuFour**

There is a growing consensus among educational researchers that school personnel must develop their capacity to function as a professional learning community (PLC) if schools are to become significantly more effective in meeting the increasing demands placed upon them. What are the characteristics of a PLC? How do these schools operate? How could we recognize when a school is functioning as a PLC? Join the day with Rick and Rebecca DuFour as they share their thoughts and strategies for implementing professional learning communities.

**Clarity of Purpose**

- What is it we want students to learn? What should each student know and be able to do?
- How will we respond when a student has achieved this learning?
- How will we respond when a student is not learning? What systematic process is in place to provide support for students who are struggling?

**Collaborative School Culture**

- No school can help all students achieve at high levels if teachers work in isolation.
- Schools improve when teachers are given the time and support to work together to clarify essential student learning and assessment.
- Schools must identify and implement new practices for raising student achievement.

**Focus on Results**

- PLCs measure their effectiveness on the basis of results rather than intentions.
- All programs, policies, and practices are assessed on the basis of their impact on student learning.
- All staff receives relevant information on their effectiveness in achieving intended results.

**Rick DuFour** is the past superintendent of the Adlai E. Stevenson High School District in suburban Chicago, a district that went from low achievement to exemplary under DuFour's leadership. He has co-authored numerous books on Professional Learning Communities. **Becky DuFour**, co-presenter, had equally good results as principal of a low-income, rural elementary school in Franklin County, Va.

**Where:** Clarion Hotel/Sports Complex  
9103 East 39<sup>th</sup>  
Kansas City, MO 64135

**When:** Tuesday, March 28, 2006

**Registration:** 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. (coffee and pastries)

**Workshop:** 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$125.00\* (includes lunch and materials)

\*Educators from schools participating in the Accelerated Schools/PLC project can attend at no charge.

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**3 Ideas that Drive PLC on 3/28/06 Registration Form**

Mail or fax this form to the KCRPDC

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☐ Please check here if your school participates in the Accelerated Schools/PLC program.